The FSA Sector partners in the period January to June of 2018 continued to address food security needs amongst refugees through various interventions related to food assistance and agriculture livelihoods for both in-camp and those living among host communities.

Targeted food assistance was provided to the most vulnerable Syrian refugee households living in Temporary Accommodation Centers (TACs) and host communities through various modalities. Additionally, some partners implemented small and medium scale agricultural projects such as greenhouses, open field activities, value chain support, agriculture technical training and food processing interventions to enable them secure a sustainable source of income while also promoting social cohesion between the Syrian and Turkish communities. Sector reporting partners continued to be trained in the second quarter with additional trainings focused on agriculture livelihoods programming scheduled for the third quarter.

To avoid any diet-related health and nutrition problems, FSA’s partners are increasingly interested in the potential of school gardens. School gardens are cultivated to promote good diet, nutrition education, and the development of agriculture livelihood skills, together with the power to extend this learning beyond the school itself in a variety of ways. This educational focus can be an important long-term contributor to health and food security for both Syrian refugee and host community’s students.

Research project/assessment was conducted to identify possible opportunities within the agriculture sector for Syrian refugees and/or vulnerable members of host communities taking into account their seasonality, and explore how these opportunities can be expanded. Publishing of the report is expected by the third quarter of 2018.